

## Technical Components of State and Tribal Bioassessment Programs: 2001 Update

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Since 1989 the U.S. EPA has periodically prepared inventories of state bioassessment programs for streams and wadeable rivers. This inventory was recently updated based on 2001 program status and expanded to include tribes, territories, and basin commissions. The information was collected through a water quality standards program ICR in collaboration with the Office of Water and with the assistance of Regional Water Monitoring Coordinators, Standards Coordinators, and Biocriteria Coordinators. Six main components are summarized from the 2001 inventory:

1. Uses of Bioassessment
2. Field and Lab Methods
3. Monitoring Program Design
4. Data Analysis and Interpretation
5. Aquatic Life Use Designations and Decision Making
6. Reference Site/Condition Development

This poster presents highlights of information that is illustrated in greater detail in the full survey report entitled *Summary of Biological Assessment Programs and Biocriteria Development for States, Tribes, Territories, and Interstate Commissions: Streams and Wadeable Rivers*, EPA-822-R-02-048 and can be viewed online at <http://www.epa.gov/bioindicators>.